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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masahiko MATSUURA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/875,265

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, now due to expire October 3, 2002, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on January 3, 2003.

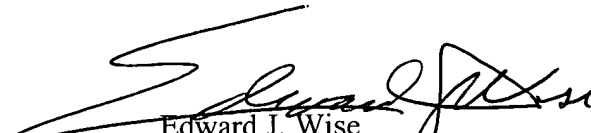
Please charge the extension fee of \$930.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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